

Michael Morpurgo

Born: 5th October, 1943, London

Michael Morpurgo has written over 100 books in the last 40 years. He is one of the world's most renowned authors, with several of his titles being made into both feature films and plays.

- Michael Morpurgo was born on the 5th October, 1943, in England.
- He attended a primary school in central London and later attended a boarding school in Sussex.
- He joined the army, but decided it was not for him.
- He left the army, got married and had three children.
- He joined the teaching profession with a job in a primary school in Kent.
- He enjoyed reading stories to the school children and when he ran out of stories to read, he started making up his own.



"For me, the greater part of writing is daydreaming, dreaming the dream of my story until it hatches out – the writing down of it I always find hard. But I love finishing it, then holding the book in my hand and sharing my dream with my readers."

- His first book was published in 1974.
- In 1976, he started the charity 'Farms for City Children', with his wife Clare.
- He has written over 100 books.
- He was honoured with a MBE in 1999, Children's Laureate from 2003-2005 and was a recipient of an OBE in 2006.
- He writes his stories in exercise books. He doesn't like to write at a desk, preferring to write sitting on his bed, propped up with pillows.
- He likes listening to Mozart, but he can only write in a silent room.



"Stories make you think and dream; books make you want to ask questions."

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